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Custody /s/ Matsuda, Chiaki (seal)

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Part I

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Matsuda, member of the
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Keeping Secret

Secret to all except those
participating in maneuvers

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Shall be returned after the
end of maneuvers.

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ARAKI Sadao, et al

- Defendants -

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KOTANI ETSUO

RETURN TO ROOM 361

Having first duly sworn an oath as on the attached sheet, in accordance with the procedure prevailing in my country, I hereby depose as follows:

(Q1) Were you a staff officer of the Kwantung Army around September 1942?

(A1) Yes.

(Q2) What sort of duties had you as a staff officer of the Kwantung Army?

(A2) I was attached to the 2d Section, and I was in charge of intelligence.

(Q3) Did you know the operations plans of the Kwantung Army?

(A3) I have neither seen the documents nor been told or shown the contents of them.

(Q4) In the Kwantung Army, was it not true that the men who were engaged in the intelligence services were never shown the operations plans?

(A4) The duty of those engaged in intelligence services was to collect the necessary information for making up the operations plans in consideration of all possible cases, and to offer them to the Commander-in-Chief as references for operations. They, however, were neither consulted regarding the operations plans which had already been determined, nor shown them at all. I thought that was in the nature of the plans themselves, and never requested to be shown them.

(Q5) Were you dispatched to the Mongolia Stationary Army around September 1941?

(A5) Yes, I was.

(Q6) What was the purpose of that?

(A6) Mainly, the purposes were consultation on intelligence and inspection of the circumstances of Eastern Inner Mongolia.

(Q7) Were there any conferences on the operation matters?

(A7) No, not at all. I had neither knowledge of nor duty concerning operations plans. I could not do such a thing, even if it were a temporary duty.

(Q8) What kind of consultation was had on intelligence?

(A8) It was a conference for necessary agreements on the alterations of the intelligence-collection areas in charge of both armies.

(Q9) It happened quite often, that a staff officer would come or go to or from the Kwantung Army or the Mongolia Stationary Army, did it not?

(A9) Yes.

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth, withholding nothing and adding nothing.

Kōtani Etsuo (seal)

On this 10th day of December, 1947
At Tokyo

Deponent: Kōtani Etsuo

I, Ikeda Sumihisa, hereby certify that the above statement was sworn to by the deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the presence of this witness.

On the same date
At Tokyo

Witness: Ikeda Sumihisa (seal)

Translation Certificate

I, Nishi Haruhiko, of the defense, hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages and that the foregoing is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, a correct translation of the original document.

Nishi Haruhiko (seal)

Tokyo
12 December 1947